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Subject: FYI: Updates of WI's Dane County digesters & manure management pressures

WI Biogas Development List;

This will be of interest to WI members of the list since Dane county is the home of WI state capital. So local debates of recent events and efforts will be seen by state legislators and potentially influence state positions of the issues around manure management and manure digesters.

An eventful couple of weeks for Wisconsin's Dane community digester projects.

- 1. 1st Unit had an estimated 300,000 manure spill as a result of pipe leak.
- 2. 2nd Unit is close to starting to generate electricity.

SUMMARY ARTICLE: New 3-million gallon manure digester has robust spill controls, county says; WI State Journal – 12/10/13 >> Sure more official detail after regulatory investigation completed.

Another rumbling that can be seen as pushing digesters or threatening dairy farmers in Dane county is the change in status of the Madison lake watershed status to 'impaired'.

Farm manure and other pollution threaten Madison lakes with 'impaired' status

Madison.com -12/13/13

Knowing Dane county, there will be lots of discussions and debates on future direction of any dairy farming projects. The debates are only starting now.

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